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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/756,232	Applicant(s) LE ET AL.	
	Examiner Jean M. Corrielus	Art Unit 2162	

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15, 17, 19, 21-30, 32-40 and 42-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15, 17, 19, 21-30, 32-40 and 42-72 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on January 16, 2009, in which claims 1-15, 17, 19, 21-30, 32-40 and 42-72 are presented for further examination.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendment filed on December 23, 2008 has been considered as to the merits.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15, 17, 19, 21-30, 32-40 and 42-72 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection necessitated by amendment.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

4. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on January 16, 2009 has been entered.

Specification

5. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the

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following is required: Applicant fails to provide antecedent basis for the claim terminology "computer readable media".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

6. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

5. Claims 1-15, 17, 19, 21-30, 53-59 and 69-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 23 recites "computer readable media". Claims 69-72 are not directed to an appropriate manufacture within the meaning of 101. It would appear that the context the "media" was used in the claim to be reasonable to interpret for "carrying or propagating" as fairly conveying signals and other forms of propagation and transmission media, typewritten or handwritten text on paper, or other items failing to be an appropriate manufacture under 35 USC 101 in the context of computer related inventions. Claims 69-72 fail to fall within a statutory category of invention.

Claims 1-15, 17, 19 and 21-30 recite a method for header compression. However, such method claim is not qualified as a 101 statutory process because the claim is not positively recites the other statutory class to which it is tied by identifying an apparatus that accomplished the method steps (see, *In re Bilski*). Although claims 1-15 and 17 produce a physical transformation by determining a type of classification of the current item list based on said comparing of the items of the current item list with the reference list, however, claims 1-15 and 17 do not provide a tangible result to establish a practical application within the category class of invention, see *In re Comiskey* and *In re Bilski*.

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Claims 53-59 recite a method for header decompression. However, such method claim is not qualified as a 101 statutory process because the claim is not positively recites the other statutory class to which it is tied by identifying an apparatus that accomplished the method steps (see, In re Bilski).

Therefore, claims 1-15, 17, 19, 21-30, 53-59 and 69-72 are non-statutory under 25 USC 101.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claims 53-68 and 71-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps and elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps and elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted step is: “transmitting a compressed packet header from one location to another location. It appears that the step of decompressing can only take place after the compressed packet header has been transmitted. There is no mentioned of transmitting a compressed packet header in the claims.

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9. Claims 1-15, 17, 19, 21-30, 32-40 and 42-72 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph and the 35 USC 101, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean M. Corrielus whose telephone number is (571) 272-4032. The examiner can normally be reached on 10 hours shift.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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